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SUBJ: REMARKS TO NEWSMEN BY SECRETARY KISSINGER AND TURKISH
FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL, MAY 22, 1975

1. FOLLOWING IS A TRANSCRIPT OF REMARKS TO NEWSMEN BY
SECRETARY KISSINGER AND TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER IHSAN
SABRI CAGLAYANGIL FOLLOWING THEIR MEETING AT THE TURKISH
FOREIGN MINISTRY THURSDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 22:

QUESTION. (FIRST PART UNINTELLIGIBLE).... ARE YOU
OPTIMISTIC ABOUT ANY MOVEMENT.

KISSINGER. WELL, AS YOU KNOW, THE FOREIGN MINISTER HAS
JUST RETURNED FROM A CONVERSATION WITH THE GREEK FOREIGN
MINISTER. THE PRESIDENT WILL MEET BOTH THE GREEK
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AND TURKISH PRIME MINISTERS AT BRUSSELS AND THERE WILL BE

MANY OTHER OCCASIONS FOR EXCHANGES AND, NO DOUBT, THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT WILL EVALUATE THE RESULTS OF ITS CONVERSATIONS. BUT BASICALLY, I AM ALWAYS OPTIMISTIC THAT PROGRESS CAN BE MADE.

QUESTION. DID YOU ALSO DISCUSS, SIR, THE LIFTING OF THE ARMS EMBARGO?

KISSINGER. YES. WE DISCUSSED THE LIFTING OF THE ARMS EMBARGO. AS BOTH THE PRESIDENT AND I HAVE STATED ON MANY OCCASIONS, MILITARY AID TO TURKEY AND THE SALE OF ARMS TO TURKEY IS NOT AN ACT OF AMERICAN CHARITY. IT IS SOMETHING THAT IS IN THE MUTUAL INTEREST OF TWO ALLIES. AND THEREFORE, WE OPPOSE USING THE SALE OF EQUIPMENT OR MILITARY AID AS A FORM OF PRESSURE. WHEN THE CONGRESS RECONVENES, WE WILL PURSUE OUR PROPOSALS WITH THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND WE HOPE THAT WE WILL ACHIEVE A RECOGNITION OF OUR POINT OF VIEW.

QUESTION. SIR, THERE WAS A REPORT IN THE TURKISH PRESS TODAY -- ONE NEWSPAPER -- THAT YOU WOULD MEDIATE BETWEEN MR. DEMIREL'S GOVERNMENT AND MR. ECEVIT ON THE CYPRUS ISSUE.

KISSINGER. (LAUGHTER). WELL, AS YOU KNOW, MR. ECEVIT IS A STUDENT OF MINE AND I RESPECT HIM VERY MUCH AND I AM HAVING BREAKFAST WITH HIM TOMORROW MORNING. I AM NOT MEDIATING, BUT I WILL EXPRESS MY VIEWS TO HIM AND WE WILL HAVE A GOOD EXCHANGE AS ALWAYS.

CAGLAYANGIL - I HAVE NOTHING MORE TO ADD TO WHAT MR. KISSINGER SAID. HE SUMMED UP OUR TALKS VERY WELL.

QUESTION: WILL KARAMANLIS AND DEMIREL MEET, IS THERE ANYTHING SCHEDULED?

CAGLAYANGIL. THERE WILL BE A TALK BETWEEN DEMIREL AND KARAMANLIS IN BRUSSELS.

QUESTION. MR. CAGLAYANGIL, DID YOU INFORM THE SECRETARY OF STATE, MR. KISSINGER, WHAT THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT WOULD DO

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IF THE ARMS EMBARGO WAS NOT LIFTED?

CAGLAYANGIL. WE DO NOT MAKE ANY HYPOTHETICAL COMMENTS.

QUESTION. IN YOUR TALK YOU SAID THAT IF THE EMBARGO IS NOT LIFTED IN THE NEAR FUTURE, TURKEY WOULD BE LEFT IN A POSITION WHERE SHE WOULD HAVE TO RECONSIDER HER RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES. WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY "NEAR FUTURE?"

CAGLAYANGIL. NEAR FUTURE MEANS THE NEAR FUTURE.

QUESTION. DOES THIS MEAN IN SUMMER OR BY THE END OF THE YEAR?

CAGLAYANGIL. NATURALLY, IT WILL BE UP TO THE DECISION
TO BE TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT. IT IS NOT UP TO ME TO
DECIDE THIS PERIOD. THANK YOU.
KISSINGER

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